

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF LICKING VALLEY RURAL )	
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION )	CASE NO. 98-321
TO ADJUST ELECTRIC RATES )	

O R D E R

On August 4, 1998, Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Licking Valley") tendered for filing an application for a general adjustment in electric rates. The application contained numerous deficiencies and was rejected for filing, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 2(2), by letter dated August 14, 1998. Licking Valley subsequently cured the filing deficiencies on August 18, 1998 and was notified that its rate application was accepted for filing as of August 18, 1998.

Pursuant to KRS 278.180(1), no change can be made in any rate by a utility except upon 30 days notice to the Commission. Therefore, the earliest date on which Licking Valley's proposed rates can lawfully become effective is September 17, 1998. Based on a review of Licking Valley's rate application, the Commission finds that an investigation will be necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that investigation cannot be concluded by September 17, 1998.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), Licking Valley's proposed rates are suspended for five months through February 16, 1999.
2. The procedural schedule set forth in Appendix A attached hereto shall be followed in this case.

3. All requests for information and responses thereto shall be appropriately indexed and tabbed. All responses shall include the name of the witness who will be responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided, with copies to all parties of record and 8 copies to the Commission.

4. Licking Valley shall give notice of the hearing in accordance with the provisions set out in 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(5). At the time publication is requested, it shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

5. Motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

6. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

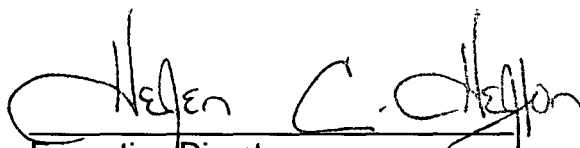
7. Neither opening statements nor witnesses' summaries of prefiled direct testimony will be permitted.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 28th day of August, 1998.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
For the Commission

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 98-321 DATED AUGUST 28, 1998

All requests for information to Licking Valley  
shall be filed no later than..... 09/02/98

Licking Valley shall file responses to requests  
for information no later than..... 09/17/98

All additional requests for information to Licking Valley  
shall be filed no later than..... 10/01/98

Licking Valley shall file responses to additional requests  
for information no later than..... 10/15/98

Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared form  
shall be filed no later than..... 10/29/98

All requests for information to Intervenors  
shall be filed no later than..... 11/13/98

Intervenors shall file responses to requests for information  
no later than..... 11/30/98

Last day for Licking Valley to publish notice of hearing date ..... 12/08/98

Public Hearing is to begin at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time,  
in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 730 Schenkel  
Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination  
of witnesses of Licking Valley and Intervenors ..... 12/15/98

Briefs, if any, shall be filed by ..... 01/13/99